

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING  
CHARLOTTE HARBOR  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**Monday, January 7, 2013 – 10:30 a.m.**  
County Administration Building – Room 106B  
18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

**Members Present**

Garland Wilson, *Vice Chairman*  
Nathaniel Cooley  
Michael Haymans  
Charlotte Ventola

**Staff Present**

Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager  
Roxann Read, Planner II  
Kathy Knee, Recorder  
Commissioner Ken Doherty

**Members Absent**

James Herston, *Chairman*

**Guests**

Maria Domato, Resident  
Delmar Wooden, Resident

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**I. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Garland Wilson called the January 7, 2013 meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee to order at 10:39 a.m. in Room 106B of the Charlotte County Administration Building.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman Wilson led the members and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in honor of Grace Amodeo.

**III. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

A quorum was present.

**IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda – None.**

**Approval of Minutes –**

A Motion was presented by Charlotte Ventola, seconded by Nate Cooley and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee as written.

A Motion was presented by Charlotte Ventola, seconded by Michael Haymans and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of the December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee as written.

**V. Commissioner Comments –** Commissioner Doherty introduced himself as the new Commissioner for District 1 and the BCC liaison to the Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee. Commissioner Doherty shared his thoughts of Grace Amodeo and her passing.

**VI. Public Comments –**

Delmar Wooden introduced himself as a resident of Charlotte Harbor and a candidate for the vacant Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee Resident seat. Maria Domato also introduced herself and noted she too submitted an application for the Advisory Committee's Resident seat.

Debrah Forester noted, for clarification, that the BCC will choose which Resident seat application will be accepted at tomorrow's BCC meeting by ballot selection. The At-Large seat that was previously filled by Grace Amodeo will need to be advertised. Anyone in Charlotte County would be eligible to apply for the At-Large seat including the person not appointed by the BCC tomorrow.

**VIII. Development Review Report – None.**

**VII. Old Business**

- a. Elizabeth Spicer Report – Elizabeth Spicer reviewed her monthly report which was distributed at the start of the meeting.
- b. Bayshore Park Restroom Update – Debrah Forester noted that construction of the restroom has started and completion is anticipated in July 2013. Ms. Forester also noted that David Milligan received the permit to repair the sidewalk in the park. Sidewalk repair will be done in-house and Mr. Milligan's goal is to have it completed prior to the Hands Across the Harbor Event. Ms. Forester suggested the Committee may wish to discuss the placement of a plaque on one of the benches at the playground in Grace Amodeo's name since she was such a proponent of the playground.
- c. Parmely Street Update – Debrah Forester attended a recent Greater Port Charlotte MSBU meeting requesting funding assistance for Parmely projects. The MSBU committee declined the request. Ms. Forester will get a copy of the MSBU minutes because when she left the meeting the Committee seemed to be in favor of approving the funding. Discussion followed regarding how to move forward. Garland Wilson suggested trying to get everything done for \$23,000 in available funds. **A Motion was presented by Michael Haymans, seconded by Nate Cooley and unanimously approved to move forward with a bid for engineering, design and survey.** Ms. Forester mentioned that the tree which was invading the big oak was removed by Community Service and the oak looks good.
- d. Hands Across the Harbor Update – Ms. Forester reported 105 people have registered for the Hands Across the Harbor event. Sponsor participation is strong. An ad will appear in the Lets Go section of the Sun and there was an article in Florida Weekly this past weekend. Michael Haymans advised that no CRA funds are being used for this event.
- e. Project Overview Presentation – Ms. Forester distributed a project list and reviewed a presentation which was created for Administration when they were reviewing CRA projects that needed funding. Ms. Forester noted that the presentation shows there is a plan in Charlotte Harbor CRA but funding is needed. Charlotte Ventola took exception to the notation about Charlotte Harbor being a high crime area and thought that language should be eliminated because the Sheriff's Department has worked hard to improve the area. It was also mentioned that the House Restoration was supported by the Committee but not with the use of CRA funds.

Ms. Forester stated that FDOT is using property near the bridge for a staging site but they should be gone sometime in February. Nate Cooley asked is the seawall damage is in any way impacting the structure of the bridge and if so could Federal monies be used to repair it.

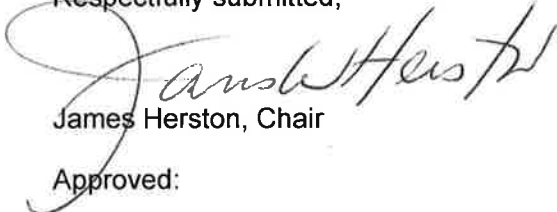
- f. Date for Community Meeting – Debrah Forester asked the Committee if they wanted to delay holding a Community Meeting until all Advisory Committee seats are filled and the Committee can talk as one voice. A brief discussion followed and it was the consensus to start arranging the meeting. Staff will review dates with the Event Center. Maria Domato advised that she could help with arrangements at the Yacht Club or the Eagles Lodge if the Event Center is not available.

**X. New Business**

- a. Harbor Walk Phase II – Debrah Forester recently talked with Kelly Slaughter regarding the RFP for the final design work for Phase 2 - raised board walk, fishing pier and water taxi pier. Phase 1 and 2 may be able to be done together.

- XI. **Correspondence/Communications** – The following information was forwarded with the meeting packet:
- Minutes from Punta Gorda CRA meeting of December 5, 2012.
- XII. **Public Comments** – Bill Schmidt Bayshore Marine stated that although events in the park are good, redevelopment along the waterfront is needed. The area needs to be promoted. Mr. Schmidt asked if the annexation of Charlotte Harbor by the City of Punta Gorda should be considered.
- XIII. **Staff Comments** – Debrah Forester suggested the Committee should review the Rules and Procedure and to consider more flexibility and term limits. Ms. Forester noted the need to appoint a Secretary for the Advisory Committee. There has not yet been a response to the letter the Advisory Committee sent to the BCC.
- XIV. **Attorney Comments** – None.
- XV. **Member Comments** – Nate Cooley asked if revisions to the Rules and Procedures need to go before BCC. Staff will double check on this. A copy of the current Rules and Procedures should be sent to Committee members.
- XVI. **Next Meeting Date**  
The next meeting of the Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 4, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 119.
- XVII. **Adjournment**  
There being no further business, the meeting ADJOURNED at 11:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James Herston, Chair

Approved: